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SUBJ: WIND- DRIFT LEAFLETING OF NVA FORCES

REFS: A. VIENTIANE 2839

B. VIENTIANE 3014

C. CINCPAC MSG DTG 130353 Z APR 73

D. BANGKOK 6097

E. SAIGON 4849

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE NOW CONSIDERING PROPOSALS FROM
VIENTIANE (REF A) AND CINCPAC (REF C) THAT, AS PART OF
CURRENT PSYOP CAMPAIGN TO INDUCE NVA WITHDRAWALS, US PLANES
CONDUCT HIGH- ALTITUDE WIND- DRIFT LEAFLETING OF NVA FORCES

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IN LAOS FROM THAI AIRSPACE. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS TYPE OF OPERATION, CONDUCTED BY C-130'S, MIGHT BE USEFUL. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION, AND IN VIEW OF THAI SENSITIVITIES REPORTED REF D, WE WANT TO BE SURE SUCH FLIGHTS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEMS FOR RTG. THEREFORE REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH RTG WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING THEIR CONCURRENCE. IF AND WHEN CONCURRENCE OBTAINED, WE SHALL PROCEED WITH PLANNING HERE AND KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED.

2. RE SAIGON'S SUGGESTION OF WIND-DRIFT LEAFLETING OF NVA IN SOUTH VIET-NAM BY US AIRCRAFT FROM CAMBODIAN AIRSPACE (REF E): WHILE WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE MAXIMUM RVNAF PSYOP ACTIVITY AGAINST NVA, WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER SUCH DIRECT US INVOLVEMENT ADVISABLE AT PRESENT TIME. PORTER

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